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MINISTER CARAMANLIS

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- 1. BITSIOS TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY JULY 30. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT LUNCH WILL BE AT THE HOTEL HESPERIA IN HELSINKI, FROM 1245 TO 1415. CARAMANLIS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND HIS CHEF DE CABINET, PETROS MOLYVIATIS.
- 2. BITSIOS AND I ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THIS LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, AND HE WAS FAIRLY RELAXED ABOUT THIS. (HE IS ASSUMING THAT IT WILL BE A PRIVATE, "WORKING-TYPE" LUNCH, WITH ONLY GREEK AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS PRESENT.) BITSIOS DID NOT SUGGEST THE NEED FOR ANY KIND OF JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT I AM SURE BOTH HE AND CARAMANLIS WOULD APPRECIATE AN ADVANCE INDICATION IF AND WHEN WE PROPOSE TO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THE PRESIDENT AND CARAMANLIS PLAN TO HAVE THIS LUNCHEON MEETING TOGETHER IN HELSINKI. KUBISCH

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